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For: Architecture for a Centralized \$ Customer No. 50170

Management System 8

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. Amendments to the Drawings are included as an attachment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of Claims begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.